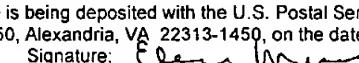
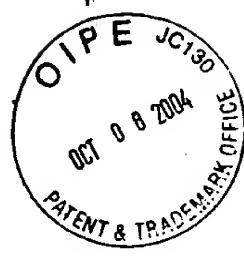


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## Amendment in Response to Non-Final Office Action

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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